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AH moves to survey on short-term rental regs

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Algonquin Highlands plans to design a survey for residents about what they'd like to see in regulations on short-term rentals.

During a July 10 meeting, Algonquin Highlands councillors decided the township would accept submissions from residents with their views on short-term rentals up until Aug. 31. The short-term rentals of dwellings has become increasingly popular in the past decade or so, those rentals often advertised through websites, properties where rentals frequently take place sometimes generating complaints. Some municipalities have developed regulations to deal with the issue, those regulations often requiring owners of short-term rental properties to pay a licensing fee and register with a municipality. Some of these frameworks contain demerit point systems whereby property owners are penalized if their property generates noise complaints, for instance.

During an Aug. 31 meeting, Councillor Lisa Barry said she thought there should be some recognition of the difference between someone who rents out their cottage a few weeks a year to friends or family versus

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Learning to kayak

Simon, 15, a Parry Sound cottager, paddles at the Minden Whitewater Preserve on Wednesday, Aug. 26 in Minden. He was receiving instruction with his brother. They were with their parents visiting the area. /DARREN LUM Staff

SIU confirms name of man shot by OPP

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Ontario Special Investigations Unit has confirmed the identity of the 73-year-old man fatally shot by OPP officers following an incident at the Minden Valu-Mart on July 15 as Leslie Hegedus.

On the morning of July 15, a man went to enter the grocery store and when it was requested he wear a face mask to enter, assaulted an employee before using his vehicle to ram vehicles in the store's parking lot, and speeding away, the owner of the store told the Times. Police used the licence plate on his vehicle to track him to his residence near Drag Lake

"Outside the residence, there was an in-

teraction with the man and two officers discharged their firearms," read a press release from the SIU. "The man was struck. He was transported to hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 11:47 a.m."

On Aug. 27, the SIU confirmed Hegedus's identity.

"The SIU had submitted a DNA sample to the Centre of Forensic Sciences (CFS) to

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Algonquin Highlands councillors discuss next steps in a process to develop regulations for short-term rentals during a special meeting on Aug. 31. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

More than 200 known rentals

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someone who constantly rents out their cottage, advertising it in a commercial way.

"That's the most common thing I hear, is that if you rent for a bunch of weeks to help afford the place, that's usually fine, because the people who own the property tend to have more of an investment in sort of being property-proud," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. "The concern I hear is, 'They're running it like a resort.' So, there are a number of properties that are being purchased to be rented out."

As a report from township planning consultant Greg Corbett read, "Staff have also had the opportunity to discuss the issue of STR [short-term rentals] with a firm that specializes in short-term compliance (Hamari STR). The firm uses computer software to track STR on the internet and is able to provide a variety of information."

Corbett's report indicated that as a courtesy, the company had provided some preliminary information for Algonquin Highlands, which indicated there were 216 active, traceable short-term rentals operating in the township, five of which had been added within a month of the search being conducted. According to the firm's findings, 93 per cent of those rentals were for an entire home, seven per cent for a room. The average nightly rate was just more than \$315, and 89 per cent of operators owned one rental property, and the vast majority of listings were found on website Airbnb.

"I think this is going to keep growing, as people realize their return on their investment is really lucrative by renting the cottage for 10, 12 weeks a year, and you've got TV shows promoting that," said Councillor Julia Shortreed.

"It does appear that most people want us to do something," said Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen of the feedback the township had received, but noted there were some who were staunchly against the township imposing any sort of regulations on short-term rentals.

"We've also heard that, the old government hands off my land," said Moffatt. Danielsen and Moffatt both noted that accommodations that are purchased solely to be rented out can create competition for traditional lodges and accommodators in the county, accommodators who have to pay commercial property taxes, commercial insurance, etc.

"It's an unfair playing field, in that regard," Danielsen said. "There's a number of things as a next step, that we can sort of ease our way in," said Moffatt, "because we know there's costs attached and we don't have the money for the costs at the moment."

Councillors agreed the next step would be issuing a survey dealing with the specifics of regulations. Staff will use the feedback from residents' submissions to draft specific questions for the survey, with those questions coming back to the council table for review. Moffatt suggested a survey could be left up and promoted during the winter.

Investigation into July 15 incident continues

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establish a possible next-of-kin for Mr. Hegedus, and the results were received this week," reads a release. "The SIU's

investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Hegedus is ongoing. So far, five civilian witnesses and four witness officers were interviewed. Another officer was designated as a witness officer, but investigators only requested the notes. Both officers who were designated as subject officers consented to interviews and submitted their notes. A post-mortem was conducted on July 17 and the SIU is in possession of those results. A firearm that was collected at the scene as well as the firearms of the two subject officers were sent to the CFS for analysis, and investigators are awaiting those results."

Library branches to reopen to the public

Haliburton County Public Library announced that as of Tuesday, Sept. 8 select branches would reopen to the public after several months of closure due to coronavirus precautions.

Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce branches will be offering limited hours and curbside pickup will continue by request. Minden and Haliburton branches will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 6 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wilberforce's branch will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The branches will be observing COVID-19 safety protocols including those to ensure physical distancing, shorter visits, mask usage and hand hygiene.

Starting the week of Sept. 8, residential water samples for health unit testing will be accepted at the Minden branch only on Thursdays between 1:30 and 6 p.m.

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Arena should be finished within weeks

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

“Where is the arena at?” Councillor Bob Carter asked during an Aug. 31 meeting of Minden Hills council. There was no report regarding the arena on the agenda for that meeting.

“Our last report was that it was going to be completed in August, it’s now near the end of August, so where are we?” Carter asked.

“We are looking to be completed sort of mid-September for occupancy to turn over to the municipality,” said chief administrative officer and clerk Trisha McKibbin. “There are some finishes still underway at this time. I’ll also be bringing forward a report in September regarding the value-added items.”

The project’s “value-added items” are ones that were not included in its base budget. The optional items total an estimated

\$430,000 and range from everything from paving the balance of the parking lot to murals and lobby furniture. The township has a grant of \$130,000 it can use toward the items, leaving a cost of approximately \$300,000 to the municipality if council chose to purchase all the items.

The project’s initial budget was just less than \$12.5 million, that amount later increased to \$12.75 million upon the request of the builder, Ottawa’s McDonald Brothers Construction Limited.

At the Aug. 31 meeting, council also approved a list of members for a new fundraising committee for the project, after an initial fundraising committee was disbanded. The members of the new committee are Eric Casper, Emma Hamilton, Betty Mark, Councillor Jennifer Hughey and McKibbin. It was mentioned at the meeting the committee is still looking for a couple of additional members.



Members of the Minden Rotary Club stand near the Sunnybrook Bridge in Minden's downtown, where the club would normally conduct a charity toll during the Labour Day weekend. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the club is asking residents to donate virtually on the club's website. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Rotary toll goes online

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Normally during the Labour Day weekend, one would find members of the Minden Rotary Club canvassing roadways in Minden's downtown for the club's annual charity toll.

This year, amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, members will not be out on the village's streets, however, the club is asking that in place of the annual toll, residents consider making a donation through the club's website.

“With COVID, we’ve not been able to do fundraising,” member Lynda Litwin told the *Times*. The pandemic has meant the club has not been able to carry out its regular fundraising activities, including its flagship annual dinner and auction, the club's largest fundraiser. “That was a very significant fundraiser for us.”

The Minden Rotary Club has existed for more than 70 years, making countless contributions to the community during that time, in-

cluding the creation of Rotary Park along the Gull River. The club has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years, funding everything from an expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, to a stage and equipment at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, to X-ray equipment at the Minden hospital. A list of the club's contributions, as well as a video about its virtual road toll, can be found on its website at www.mindenrotary.ca.

Litwin and club president Dave Bonham thanked the community for its support.

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With COVID, we’ve not been able to do fundraising.

— LYNDA LITWIN

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This is the cumulative data on confirmed COVID-19 cases in the HKPR District Health Unit area.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	15	179	32	226
Current Probable Cases+	0	1	0	1
Current High Risk Contacts+	3	5	8	16
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	3	15
Resolved**	15	158	31	204
Not Resolved	0	2	1	3
Deaths	0	32	0	32
Current Outbreaks	0	0	1	1

COVID-19 cumulative data

As of Aug. 31, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County that have not been resolved, and three current high-risk contacts. High-risk contacts are defined as asymptomatic individuals who are known to have been in contact with a confirmed or probable case. This information is updated on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, excluding holidays by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Positive COVID-19 tests conducted in Haliburton County on residents with a primary address outside of Haliburton County are recorded in the health unit of that address. /Screenshot from the HKPR District Health Unit website at hkpr.on.ca.

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As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, all Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be conducted virtually via web conference; and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice.

Meetings are held virtually, starting at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council office, 7 Milne Street. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

September 10 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 24 – Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting a month in July, August and December.

During this unprecedented time, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhill.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhill.ca/council/.

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H: Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm

AGNES JAMIESON GALLERY

Visual art exhibitions offered year-round, and home to the work of André Lapine ARCA 1866-1952, the gallery is currently showing work by local artist Gary Blundell in Navigations of Iron. This exhibit blends information from the Minden Hills Museum with Blundell's interpretations of the history of the local mines from this area. Items from our André Lapine collection are also on display.

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Hike to feature relics of county's iron mining past

by JENN WATT
Editor

The search for iron and the potential wealth it could bring was part of the early history of Haliburton County. In the area between Tory Hill and Kinmount, test holes and mine sites can still be found along the countryside – relics of the work of industrialists like Charles Pusey.

Highlands East artist Gary Blundell has used these abandoned mine sites as inspiration for his current exhibition Navigations of Iron, showing at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

To enhance the exhibition and to provide real-life context for Blundell's work, a day-long outing has been planned for Saturday, Sept. 12 led by historian Guy Scott and Blundell, examining "the connections between human history, landscape and geology

and how minerals have throughout human history become the resources that we use to modernize ourselves," the workshop description reads.

The group meets at the Furnace Falls parking lot on County Road 503 between Kinmount and Gooderham on Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. From there, they will go to the smelting furnace and some old mine sites. After lunch, the group will drive by car to Pusey's church in Irondale and then visit the old railway bridge and last remaining building from the I.B.&O. Railroad at Howland Junction.

If there is time, the group will continue to the gallery in Minden to view the paintings.

Those attending are asked to dress appropriately for a hike through the woods and to bring water to drink and a lunch. There is no fee for the hike, but donations are welcome. To find out more about the exhibition or to connect with Blundell, visit his website: www.hotspurstudio.com. (Navigations in Iron can be viewed Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden until Sept. 26.)

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Beware of bats

Rise in reported cases of bats in area homes brings health unit reminder to reduce risk of rabies

A worrying rise in the number of bats being reported in homes in the tri-county area is causing the local health unit to sound the alarm.

In recent weeks, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has received multiple reports of bats being discovered inside homes in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. While there have been no incidents of rabid bats biting people this year, the health unit is urging people to be on the lookout for bats in their homes and take steps to "bat-proof" their residence.

"Bats in the home can be a nuisance and potential health hazard. Although most animal bites are readily apparent, bites inflicted by bats can be harder to notice, especially if it involves an infant, child or those with cognitive impairments," says Richard Ovcharovich, manager of health protection with the HKPR District health unit. "The more people who are exposed to wild animals like bats, the greater their risk of rabies."

Rabies is fatal if left untreated, but is preventable if proper care is received immediately after an animal bite or scratch.

When it comes to bats, the Health Unit offers these tips:

- If you have been bitten or scratched by a bat, seek immediate medical attention. You should also contact the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006.
- Inspect your attic, rafters and other areas

of your home for evidence of bats. If you find or suspect bats are living on your property and want to remove them, contact a professional pest control company or wildlife removal company.

- If you discover a bat in your home's living quarters, leave the room, close the door and contact a professional pest control company or wildlife removal company if needed. Do not touch a bat with your bare hands. If there was no human contact (bite or scratch), open a window and allow the bat to get out.

- If you discover a bat outdoors that is injured, acting strange or dead, do not touch it.

- As bats can transmit the rabies virus to dogs and cats, ensure your pet's rabies vaccination is up to date.

- Bat-proof your home, something especially important to do before the cold weather months when bats try to seek out warmer, indoor shelter. Seek advice from an animal control or wildlife conservation authority about what's best. If doing it yourself, carefully examine your home for holes that might allow bats entry into your living quarters, then take steps to seal them. For instance, caulk any openings larger than a quarter-inch by a half-inch, ensure all doors to the outside close tightly, and use window screens, chimney caps, and draft-guards beneath doors to attics. Be aware that some species of bats can fit through openings as small as 16 millimetres.

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Open stage returns

The Haliburton County Folk Society's open stage events are returning with COVID-19 protocols in place. The first open stage with the new format will be held Saturday, Sept. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Haliburton Highlands Brewing on the Abbey Gardens property.

Open stages have been traditionally held on the second Saturday of the month and organizers intend to continue with that schedule, however because they are being held outdoors, the afternoon timeslot was chosen to offer warmer weather. The rain date is the

following Saturday.

Performers should arrive before 2 p.m. to sign-up.

So far, organizers have only planned for the September open stage and discussions are ongoing about how to offer the popular musical event once it moves indoors in October.

All are welcome to the Sept. 12 open stage – performers and spectators alike. Donations are welcome.

- Staff



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MH councillors suggest composting program

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors received a corporate climate mitigation plan for the township during an Aug. 31 online meeting, with some councillors saying they'd like to see the implementation of a municipal composting program.

The County of Haliburton hired climate change co-ordinator Corey McKay last fall, and McKay has been working on corporate climate change mitigation plans for the county and its four lower-tier townships for most of the past year. The first step was taking greenhouse gas inventories for the county and each of its lower tiers, then having the councils for each municipal government set greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. The first phase of the project is the creation of corporate climate change mitigation plan for the county and each of the four lower tiers, corporate greenhouse gas emissions being those that are produced by the municipal governments themselves.

For Minden Hills, the greatest share of its corporately emitted greenhouse gases comes from its landfill sites, which constitute 81 per cent of emissions. The township's vehicle fleet constitutes 12 per cent of emissions, and its buildings seven per cent. Those figures are based on a greenhouse gas audit which used information collected in 2018. Council has set greenhouse gas reduction targets of 10 per cent for waste disposal sites, 10 per cent for its fleet and 20 per cent for its buildings by the year 2030. Reaching this target would mean its corporate greenhouse gas emissions would drop from 4,253 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent annually to 3,801 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent annually.

For waste disposal sites, McKay suggested completing a waste audit "and implementing strategies to reduce the waste that's provided in municipal facilities."

McKay also suggested a waste composition study be undertaken at landfill sites.



Some Minden Hills councillors said they would like to see a municipal composting program, with Councillor Jean Neville suggesting a county bio-digester where people could bring their organic waste. Composting can also be done in one's backyard, reducing the amount of household waste brought to the landfill and creating a nutrient-rich supplement for your garden. /JENN WATT Staff

"So, determining how much of our waste is organic versus non-organic, what exactly is it made up of," she said. "This would be better information to base program decisions off of."

"Obviously these are early days and it's good to see some more detail about where we're going with this, obviously it's an ongoing program," said Mayor Brent Devolin. A working group of municipal staff from throughout the county will drill down on details of specific climate change mitigation policies for municipalities, and a community climate change mitigation plan for the public and county at large is scheduled to follow.

"You already know that 81 per cent of our emissions is coming from the landfill and so I'm thinking that is organic waste," said Councillor Jean Neville. "I think that time and money and effort should be put into investigating a bio-diges-

tor of some sort, and even if you had one for the county, that encouraged people to take their organic waste there rather than doing more study."

"Definitely noted for the implementation," McKay said.

Councillor Bob Carter agreed that something should be done at the municipal level when it comes to organic waste. Organic waste placed into composters produces far less methane than organic waste that is buried in a landfill, because oxygen gets involved in the decomposing process.

"So it would seem that a composting process at the landfills would be something that would be a benefit, then," Carter said. "I'm very along the lines of doing what Councillor Neville suggested or other methods of doing that because, you know, from my perspective, you're not going to change the output without reducing the input."

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Back-to-school scramble

NEXT WEEK will mark the much-anticipated, stress-inducing, anxiety-ridden return of students, or at least some students, to classrooms in Ontario.

I don't think those terms are hyperbolic. For most of the parents I know, the decision to send their children physically back to school or opt for an online learning option during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic was a difficult one to grapple with. Certainly some are choosing to keep their kids at home, while board-wise, throughout the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, it seems like some 85 per cent of students are planning to return to physical classrooms this month.

At an Aug. 25 meeting, trustees of the TLDSB made a decision that face masks would be required for all students returning to school, kindergarten through

Grade 12, while at school and on the bus. Previously, while face masks were being recommended for all students, the requirements were going to be those laid out by the province – mandatory face masks for students in Grade 4 and up.

Last week's decision by the board was a poor one, or at least poorly timed. The proclamation that all students, even the wee ones, would be required to wear face masks came after the school re-registration deadline of Aug. 17. That's problematic, and frankly unfair to the parents of the board's youngest students. There's a good chance that for some, knowing their kindergartener would not be made to wear a mask had played some factor in their decision.

As I've written in this space a few times recently, I'm grateful that my wife and I still have a year before our eldest child enters kindergarten. I'm not envious of any parents making back-to-school choices, and I'm

particularly unenvious of those who've had to decide if they would enrol their kindergarten-aged kids.

To her credit, Evangeline, our three-year-old daughter, has been very good with the face mask thing. When we are in places where they are required, she puts hers on, and keeps it on, without any fuss. She understands there is a global pandemic happening – or at least that “everybody is sick” – and is happy to don a face mask when she sees Mommy and Daddy doing it. I'm not so sure, however, how she'd react to a stranger – her new teacher – telling her she needs to put a mask on.

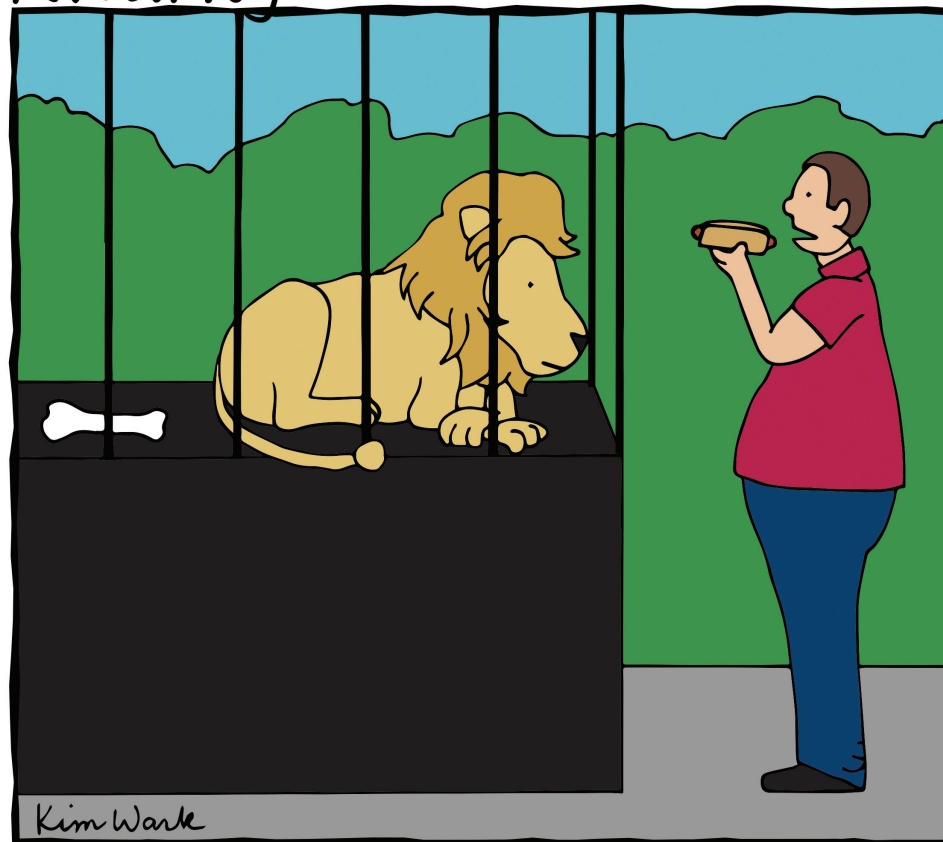
The decision is also impractical. Best of luck to kindergarten teachers trying to keep masks on a bunch of four-year-olds.

That said, obviously board trustees, educators and other board employees are under an incredible amount of stress, and are trying their

best to navigate a logistical nightmare. As for what will happen when students begin returning to classrooms next week, only time will tell. While there are predictions of outbreaks and school boards shutting down schools almost as quickly as they'd opened them, there were similar predictions when the provincial government began moving communities into Stage 3 of its COVID-19 recovery process. It was too much, too soon, many said, making a large, second wave of the virus inevitable. Most of the province, including the metropolis of Toronto, has now been in Stage 3 for more than a month. New confirmed daily cases of COVID-19 continue to hover around 100 – it was 114 on Aug. 31 – which one can argue is pretty good, considering more than 25,000 tests were performed. Perhaps a return to the classroom will not have the sort of catastrophic effects that some are predicting.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Kwarky

*“You lead a sedentary life.”*

The key to success

IF YOU WANT to see frustration personified, watch any duck or goose hunter try to figure out which of the many keys they are carrying is for the lock on the gun they have just pulled out of the case as legal shooting light approaches.

By the time this exercise is over, you will have learned several new swear words and innovative and exciting phrases that incorporate them.

The typical hunter carries somewhere around a dozen gun lock keys, many of which are for guns and locks that no longer exist in this world, three to four gun case keys, a key to the shed where all their decoys are locked, a key for each trailer lock, keys for ammunition box locks, car or truck keys, ATV keys, outboard motor lock keys, keys for the house and the previous three places they lived and, of course, keys for work, as well as several jobs they had when they were still in school.

In fact, we hunters carry so many keys that I'm surprised we even bother with boat anchors. For when you have this many keys, they are redundant.

For all that, we still routinely do not have the right key when it is needed most.

I remember one time when my brother and I made it out to the duck blind prior to first light on opening day. When I slipped my gun out of the case at legal light, I discovered, horror of horrors, my gun lock was on the trigger doing what gun locks do.

It seemed like a simple enough problem to solve until I realized my keys were

back at the cabin about a mile up river. At a time like this, when ducks are beginning to whirl overhead and the sounds of opening day gunfire is all around, you can quickly determine who your true friends are.

I discovered the answer to this when I said, “Hey Martin, what do you say we paddle back to the cabin to get my keys so I can shoot too?”

He missed the next few ducks, probably because it's hard to shoot while you are in the midst of a belly laugh.

What followed was a lesson in which my brother learned several new swear words and innovative and exciting phrases that incorporate them.

The good news is most gun trigger locks such as the one I was using are not exactly the kind you would trust to secure the Canadian Mint. In fact, what I discovered that morning was that all it takes to pry open one of those locks

is a flathead screwdriver (which we had in the canoe for some reason) and the right amount of inducement – in this case watching my brother progress towards a limit of wood ducks and mallards.

I'm happy to say that this incident taught me a valuable lesson and one which I have never forgotten since then – that being I never forget to bring all my keys and have now marked them to correspond with the locks that they open.

Also, I keep a master key in my ammunition box in case for some reason I don't have the right key. Also because it never hurts to have a flathead screwdriver around.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Killing the cormorants

THE BIG black bird controversy that got its modern start almost 400 years ago is raging again.

It was back in the 1660s that the English poet John Milton stoked the controversy in the epic poem *Paradise Lost*. In it, Milton portrays Satan breaking into the Garden of Eden and sitting high up on The Tree of Life “like a cormorant.”

A bit earlier, Shakespeare had used the word cormorant in four plays as a synonym for voracious.

Cormorants are homely water birds the size of a small goose. They have long snaky necks that help give them a gangly, creepy appearance. And, they are deep black, like the raven, which also has a controversial reputation.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Seen up close, cormorants actually display some good looks and colour – yellow-orange face and throat, sparkling aquamarine eyes and a bright blue mouth seen when their beaks are open.

However, they have no lovely song and no likeable movements. They don't have good public relations because there is no cormorant version of *Bambi* to touch people's hearts.

They are much disliked, not just because of their evil look, but because they eat fish and foul any territory they occupy. Their feces are highly acidic and kill plants in areas where they accumulate in numbers.

As a result, property owners and sports fishermen complain and campaign to get rid of them.

So, this fall the Ontario government will allow cormorants, which have been protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, to be hunted. Licensed hunters will be allowed to kill 15 cormorants a day between Sept. 15 and Dec. 31.

Fifty years ago, cormorants were approaching extinction in many parts of North America. The overuse of DDT and other powerful pesticides caused their eggs to thin, killing reproduction.

Pesticide controls and bans helped them, and other bird populations, to recover. Now there is an abundance of cormorants – some people say far too many.

Not everyone views these birds as ugly and evil pests. In many fishing villages throughout Asia they are considered the fishing equivalent of a hunting dog. In Yunnan Province, China they are tethered to boats and trained to catch fish for the local boatmen.

And back in 2002, the people of Skerries, Ireland, used town beautification funds to erect a bronze statue of a cormorant standing on a rock with its wings spread.

The Ontario cormorant hunt raises troubling questions. First, is it a hunt, or a cull – an easy way to reduce cormorant populations and public complaints?

Truly traditional hunting is about getting food to eat. It rests on the ethic that all living creatures are important, and their lives must be respected and taken only for food, clothing or another living thing's survival.

Cormorants are not good food. Some coastal Indigenous people did eat them but found them very difficult to pluck and the meat tough and fishy tasting.

The Bible (Leviticus 11:17) warns that cormorants are a fowl that should not be eaten:

“And these are they which you shall hold in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination”

Some British apparently ignored that Biblical warning and ate roasted cormorants during the food shortages of the Second World War. Icelanders also are known to eat cormorants, as well as puffins and gulls. Neither nation is known for its food connoisseurship.

There is little expectation that cormorants shot by hunters in Ontario will be eaten. My concern is that they will be shot simply because they are there to be shot and they will be left to rot.

That's not hunting. It's killing for the sport of killing.

Humans consider themselves first and most important of the world's creatures. Therefore, anything that bothers us or upsets our lifestyles needs to be altered or eliminated.

Cases can be made for culling in certain circumstances. For instance, a swamp area might need to be sprayed to eliminate biting mosquitoes that infect humans with malaria.

Maybe cormorants need to be culled. I don't know because I don't have all the facts.

But if experts who know the science and do the studies advise that cormorant populations be reduced, don't call it what it isn't.

It's culling, not hunting.

letters to the editor

Jim Mifflin – A Man's Barber

To the Editor,

Jim died unexpectedly on Aug. 11 at the Peterborough Hospital where he had gone for surgery. In his 87th year, he had been barbering since being trained in his father's shop in Whitby as a teen. He loved his trade, wouldn't have wanted anything else and liked to quip that “he stood behind every haircut he'd ever done” – this while holding his round barber's mirror behind your head showing what a good cut he'd done.

I first knew Jim in 1979 as the new owner of Foster's General Store on Lake Boshkung north of Carnarvon. He had his signature chair in a side room off the store and it used to be slightly intimidating to be exposed to his keen if quirky sense of humor and listen to his endless litany of slightly to very earthy funny stories. But the humour wasn't all that bad and the price was amazingly good and the haircut first rate. So he built a good business there which he continued when

he moved the shop to his home on Mifflin Road.

Many of us men are missing this man and his ways; the people, the fun and warmth of our visits over the years (40 for me). COVID, for the time being, is making it impossible to get together with his partner Millie to celebrate this good man who was a good neighbour in the best sense of the word. Jim “did for” his friends when there was a need. He drove them, shopped for them, helping out with chores and visits whenever possible. For some years he even took on the heavy responsibility and physical work of supporting a neighbour on home dialysis. His care for people was also evident in his shop where he had hung pictures and clippings about scores of clients who had passed on. He knew us, cherished us in his way with his rough warmth and friendship. Thank you, Jim.

Journey on, Buddy!

Paul Irwin

Adventures in berry-picking

To the Editor,

I would like to comment on the article by Steve Galea writing about his experience picking blackberries. I enjoyed the article as it brought back many memories about picking those delicious berries many years ago. I am certain many readers of my vintage would also recall their experiences.

When I was growing up in this area, berry picking was an integral part of our culture. As blackberries were one of my favourite wild fruits, I spent many hours sparring with those vicious blackberry canes and their wicked spikes in order to get those berries. Very early, I gained a healthy respect for those bushes as more

than once I came away with many scratches. However, if you wanted the berries, you had no choice. You couldn't go to the store to buy them as we can today.

You did go prepared for battle, no bare skin showing because those nasty canes would find it. When you least expected it, one of those canes would attach itself to your back. It was not fun extracting yourself from its clutches without spilling your pail of berries. It was always worth the battle when you came home with your pail of delicious berries.

Gareth K. Kellett

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Then Wallace Warland, *Monstrous Sea*'s biggest fanfiction writer, transfers to her school. Wallace thinks Eliza is just another fan, and as he draws her out of her shell, she begins to wonder if a life offline might be worthwhile.

But when Eliza's secret is accidentally shared with the world, everything she's built—her story, her relationship with Wallace, and even her sanity—begins to fall apart.

Check out *Eliza and her Monsters* from Haliburton County Public Library today.

As one reviewer eloquently puts it, it's: “The perfect book for teens who hiss at the sunlight and live on the internet.”

AH council talks backyard chickens

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands councillors talked about potential regulations for permitting backyard chickens within the township, among other issues, during a conversation about its zoning bylaw review during an Aug. 24 meeting.

Meetings continue to be held with councillors participating remotely via online conferencing app Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic, with meetings broadcast to the public via YouTube.

"The raising of chickens is currently identified in the township zoning bylaw as being a farm activity, thus it's limited to zones in which a farm is a permitted use, and that is restricted to the rural zone of the township zoning bylaw," Algonquin Highlands planner Sean O'Callaghan told council. O'Callaghan added that some considerations offered by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs include animal health and public health, animal treatment and potential

predators. Additional concerns around the keeping of backyard chickens include noise, odour, appearance and property value, he said.

"Alternatively, there have been some benefits with backyard chickens identified by Harvest Haliburton, and these would include improving community food security, environmental benefits, health benefits, and social well-being," O'Callaghan said.

With an emphasis on local food on the rise, there has been an increasing trend of Ontario municipalities allowing the keeping of backyard chickens in residential zones in recent years. As a report from the township's planning consultant Greg Corbett indicated, "Generally, these regulations have permitted residents to keep a limited number of chickens (hens) primarily for the production of eggs for their own consumption and not for sale."

Within Haliburton County, the Township of Minden Hills, like Algonquin Highlands, currently has no specific regulation regarding backyard chickens, meaning they would similarly be permitted only as a farm use

in rural zones. As part of its zoning bylaw review, the Municipality of Dysart et al is proposing a regulation that would allow four hens per property, contain certain times for when they may be outdoors, prohibit slaughtering and sale, require specific setbacks, and allow chickens to be kept in a rear yard only. Chickens would be permitted in residential zones, with the exception of waterfront residential zones.

In Highlands East, backyard chickens are permitted, with a limit of three hens per property. The chickens may be kept in a rear yard only, and must be kept in an enclosure.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux, noting she grows vegetables at her home, for example, wondering if there should be a more precise definition of what a "farm" is, in the township's zoning bylaw.

"We could look at further refining that," O'Callaghan said. "Under the current bylaw, it could be argued that someone growing vegetables in their backyard could be defined as a farm. So that is something we can look at expanding upon, or further refining."

"To me, it's commercial versus home use," said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

"I think we can separate this particular discussion out, because to me what's intended here is are we going to allow chickens in a normal, residential backyard?" said Deputy Mayor Liz Daniels. "... I don't have a problem as long as we put some limitations in place. I don't agree with backyard chickens in all zones. I'm not too keen about shoreline residential."

"I agree, I don't have a problem with the idea of backyard hens at all," said Moffatt,

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I don't have a problem as long as we put some limitations in place.

— DEPUTY MAYOR LIZ DANIELSEN

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adding there would need to be appropriate controls put in place.

"My thoughts are there's a difference between someone that has a shoreline property that's an acre and someone that has a shoreline property that's 100 acres," said Councillor Lisa Barry.

Moffatt asked Barry if she supported the idea of a sliding scale then – the bigger the property, the more chickens one could have – and Barry said she did. Barry also said that in Lake of Bays township, the backyard chicken regulations are that someone with a property less than an acre may have up to five chickens, and that owners of larger properties may have up to 10.

In general, councillors favoured the concept of permitting backyard chickens in some residential zones for personal use, and O'Callaghan will draft regulations to be brought back to the council table for further review.

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Housing group pitches multi-unit project

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

County-based housing organization Places for People is asking the County of Haliburton to partner with it on the development of an affordable housing project that would be located on an undeveloped portion of the Wee Care property along County Road 21, that property owned by the county.

Haliburton County councillors heard a presentation from members of Places for People during their online Aug. 26 meeting.

"Our specific goal is 10 to 12 units by September of 2022," said Fay Martin, the organization's vice president and one of its founding members.

Places for People currently owns five properties with a total of eight rental units in the county. It purchased and renovated those dwellings, renting them to tenants at affordable rates, with the goal of putting those tenants in a position to become owners of their own homes at some point. Eighteen families have lived in its buildings during the 13 years of the organization's existence.

"People have a right and a need to appropriate housing," Martin said of the organization's philosophy. "Without secure housing, they can't reasonably be expected to thrive, and when people don't thrive, neither do their communities, either socially or economically."

The County of Haliburton has sent a goal of creating 750 housing units during the next decade.

"We could like to contribute 40 of those units," Places for People president Jody Curry told councillors.

"We're pivoting from renovating older family homes and duplexes, as Fay described, to building new, multi-unit developments for mixed populations of one- and two-person households," Curry said. "We've chosen new build to increase the housing stock, and make use of modern approaches to energy efficiency and design. We've chosen multi-unit to make faster progress towards meeting pressing community need."

Curry said the organization's goal is to create 10 to 12 units every two to three years.

"There is convincing research that multi-unit developments in small clusters offer opportunities to create healthier communities by mixing age and socio-economic status," she said. "Our projects will house tenants that require affordable rent, and tenants that fall into the missing middle. Those are the people who earn too much to require subsidies, but not enough to afford current market rents."

"We are focusing on one- and two-person households because that is the greatest need in our county," Curry continued. "Stats show that 76 per cent of households here are comprised of one or two persons, but only six per cent of our housing stock is one-bedroom, and that's a very large gap."

Curry said the organization has been planning its proposed project for the past couple of years, and expects it to cost between \$2 million and \$2.5 million.

"All we need is a piece of property," she said.

The County of Haliburton purchased the Wee Care property, which totals 3.5 acres, in late 2019 for \$770,000. The county acts as landlord to Wee Care, which continues to be operated by the daycare provider.

"We are interested in partnering with you to develop this



Members of affordable housing organization Places for People speak to Haliburton County councillors during an Aug. 26 meeting about a potential multi-unit project on an undeveloped portion of the county-owned Wee Care property. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

property on a mixed-use basis, that would protect and augment its current use as a childcare facility and also help to address the housing shortage in the county," Curry said. "We would like to construct clusters of a combination of affordable and market-rent units in an appropriately scaled development. We see the potential for a phased, inclusive development that could incorporate other community uses as well."

Places for People treasurer Max Ward emphasized the strong community support the organization is given, receiving \$89,000 in donations and garnering some \$16,000 through fundraising during the past year. "This is particularly impressive because we didn't even have a project on the go at the time, and our donations tend to increase when we have a visible project," Ward said.

"We've been borrowing and repaying money from community members successfully from the get-go," he said. "Local investors have made each of our property purchases possible. All but one of our mortgages are held by local individuals."

Ward told councillors that Places for People's properties have a combined market value of approximately \$800,000. "Only \$283,000 of that debt is outstanding," he said. "We intend to leverage this equity to fund a portion of our next project. Going forward, community investment will play an even bigger role, as we branch out into larger, multi-unit developments. We have been for over a year, preparing to formalize

and expand our community loan program as a community bond program. Community bonds allow non-profits, charities and co-operatives in Ontario to borrow funds from their support network to finance a capital project."

"Community bonds are a better investment than GICs in many ways, because an investor gets to invest in our community, the money stays here and helps in the county in all sorts of ways," Ward said, adding those bonds would be RESP- and TFSA-eligible.

"It's great to see a proposal like this," said County Warden Liz Daniels. "... As you know, when we discuss acquisition or use of real property, we will go into closed session to deliberate what you're proposed to us, we may ask for some documentation going forward, but this is a fabulous opportunity for us to consider."

"Certainly, housing is one of the core reasons why I got involved in municipal politics," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "And, like connectivity, no one path by itself will lead to success."

"This is an exciting proposal, and I'm sure that county council will give it due consideration and we will get back to you," Daniels said.

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Blood pressure

I HAVE TO ADMIT I knew very little about blood pressure until writing this article. I did know that having a blood pressure reading that is too high or too low is dangerous to our health. I have learned about blood pressure before but I didn't retain any of the information. Thanks to the medical TV shows out there I think we all know that



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

blood pressure is a number over a number. Sometimes Dr. Grey looks concerned and sometimes she doesn't. Those two numbers are the measurement of the systolic and diastolic blood pressures. I'm pretty sure this is where my brain went numb when I was taught this before. In simple terms (I hope to remember it this time) the systolic number is a measure of the force that your heart exerts on the walls of your arteries each time it beats. The diastolic number is the force your heart exerts on the walls of your arteries when it's at rest between beats. A normal rating is anything below 120 (systolic)/80 (diastolic) measured in millimetres of mercury (mm Hg).

Anything higher is considered, well, high and it needs attention. Anything less than 90/60 is consider low, and has its own complication.

The risks of living with high blood pressure is the wear and tear to the arteries. The excessive pressure on the artery walls can damage blood vessels and organs. The higher pressure and the longer it goes uncontrolled the greater the damage. High blood pressure can lead to:

- Heart attack or stroke
- Aneurysms
- Heart failure
- Kidney disfunction
- Dementia

On the other end of the scale is low blood pressure. Moderate levels can cause dizziness, weakness and fainting, increasing the risks of injuries from falls. Severely low blood pressure can deprive the body from getting enough oxygenate function, leading to heart and brain damage.

Now I have a better understanding of blood pressure readings. Optimal levels of pressure keep everything working well. The brain, heart and other organs are getting the nutrients they need and the blood is flowing easily and not causing damage to the "pipes" that are carrying them. That makes sense. Maintaining or adopting a healthy lifestyle is

the first recommendation to bring high or low blood pressure readings to normal levels. That makes sense too.

Something to think about.

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A golfer drives the ball at the 10th annual Volunteer Dental Outreach Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 20 at the Blairhampton Golf Club in Minden. The fundraiser included 112 golfers who helped to raise more than \$40,000 for the VDO for Haliburton County, which provides free urgent dental care for low income residents of Haliburton County./ DARREN LUM Staff

VDO golf fundraiser generates more than \$40,000

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Ten years on and the annual Volunteer Dental Outreach Golf Tournament continues to be a success thanks to the support of the community.

The day-long event hosted on Aug. 20 at the Blairhampton Golf Club in Minden raised more than \$40,000 to fund the operating costs of the VDO for Haliburton County clinic.

VDO founder and board member Lisa Kerr said the organization appreciated the support for the event.

"The board of directors realizes how difficult this year has been for so many people and businesses and really appreciates the support we received for this tournament," she said in a statement. "It will really help us to continue to provide free dental care for those in need in our community. We were very pleased with the turnout and how smoothly the day went given all the new health protocols to keep everyone safe and would like to thank everyone who helped out, sponsored and participated."

The event supports the VDO in its effort to provide free dental care to those with financial barriers to seeing a dentist, denturist or dental hygienist.

As of Monday, Aug. 31, the VDO has treated 1,004 patients and made 7,993 appointments and provided \$2,863,160.81 in free dentistry services.

Although the community was the winners on the day of the event, the top golfing honours went to the top team/mixed team of Karen Heise, Landon Kelly, Nyah Kelly and Matt Kelly. The top ladies team was Lynn Bartlett, Dianne Whitmarsh, Lois Maxwell and Marilou Mizzan. The top men's team was Steve Kerr, Ryan Kerr, J.J. Kerr and Justin Cusato. The most honest team was Howard and Charmaine Clarke, Mark Arike and Michael Proctor. Individual honours for putting and different holes went to Tim and Lynda Wood, Brad and Heather Laviolette, Linda Bradley, Cathy Young, Kevin Golding, Justin Cusato and Roger Trull.

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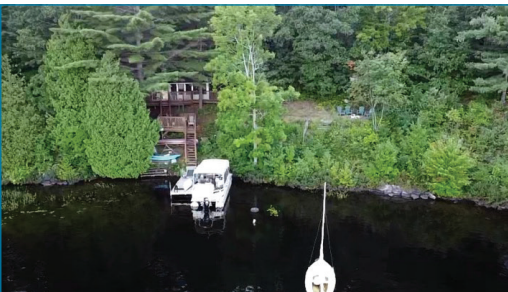
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Improvements for Minden Whitewater continue

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Close to \$8,000 worth of restoration work was performed last week at the Minden Whitewater Preserve to address safety concerns for paddlers and to improve spawning areas on the Gull River, said Dave Gillespie, Ontario Whitewater president.

Over four days, a hired contractor moved boulders away from dangerous positions for paddlers that also helped to improve fish habitat. The work was performed close to the bottom of the rapids by the kissing bridge and areas up to where the construction work on the dam continues.

This work was part of phase four of the ongoing four-phase restoration effort known as Fix the Gull led by Ontario Whitewater, which runs the Minden Whitewater Preserve.

Gillespie said despite the name, the river is not broken.

"The river has been here for thousands of years, but really what we're trying to do with the Fix the Gull project is rally local users, whether photographers, or paddlers, or anglers, or summer camps. Kind of understand we all share, we all have a stake in how the river is being taken care of. So given the pedestrian walkways, we're putting down new stone so it's easier for people to walk around and enjoy their picnics," he said.

The ongoing work is required because of flooding in the area over the past 10 years.

This and other restoration work is made possible by donations from users and lovers of the rapids like Gillespie, who met his future wife there.

During the next two weeks more stone will be added to the pathways and three more public benches will be installed to the township side of the Gull River in the lower section and the middle section where there is a drop in the water above Whitehorse Falls.

The work, he said, was done with the approval of the

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The Fix the Gull project has received the endorsement of Minden Hills council and Whitewater Ontario has worked closely with the township's recreation department over the past few years, he said.

The Fix the Gull project started in spring 2018 with the first phase being the installation of stairs and access points on the Gull River, which is often used by summer camps and leadership centres, and recreational paddlers. The second phase included moving boulders in the lower section on the river to create new eddies and rebuild eddy walls later that year. The third phase was relocating large, hazardous boulders in 2019. Two supporting donors and the support of a contractor have made phase four possible. The preserve is expected to receive the addition of a retaining wall at the top close to the dam in October.

Future work is not expected to shut the river down. Areas of work will be taped off for restricted access, particularly when there is heavy machinery.

The type of work performed has not been decided in a vacuum.

"We've also gone out and sought input from various stakeholders and users. So it's not just two or three people who are making these decisions. We've pulled together people who have grown up in the area. People who've moved to the area because of the river. I was one of them. And now we're coming back to say, 'OK, what else can we do to enhance and restore it to its glory and also make it more accessible for people, whether it's for people in their 60s and 70s, or people in wheelchairs, or people with young children. How do we make it more accessible and more safe?'" he said

Gillespie encourages members of the public who want to show their support or contribute to join Friends of the Gull. He hopes this informal group will bring support, whether it's financial or creative assistance in photographs and artwork.

Improvements and work to the area enables the opportunity to host more than just tourists.

Events such as the Pan Am Games were no fluke for the Minden Whitewater Preserve, as it is a draw for world class and local paddling event organizers. Next weekend, the whitewater will have the 40th annual Gull River Open Canoe Slalom Race from Friday, Sept. 11 to 13. It will have half the competitors, observing COVID-19 protocols.

While the backhoe was moving rocks on Wednesday, the activity around the Gull River rapids were being documented with a drone as part of Whitewater Ontario's effort to enhance their marketing to draw more people to the area.

The footage will be added to underwater and GoPro acquired video, which will be included in a package made available to directors interested in using it for future TV/film productions.

The enhanced footage came about because of new volunteers with the technical skills and knowledge necessary. It should help to draw more people.

"We've realized we been this crown jewel of rivers in eastern Canada and we've not done a great job at marketing it and now with the advancement of technology and social media we've decided we're going to map out the river and put it on YouTube and make it available to people who want to use the Minden Hills and Haliburton area as a destination," he said.

The public can also add their own photos to help with promotion by uploading to the Minden Whitewater Preserve album on Facebook. Look for the footage as of Oct. 1.

Although the work that was performed last week may not be apparent at first glance, it will make a difference to the users.

"To the normal hiker, they will not see any significant difference. If you are an angler, this will give you more spots to fish and if you're a kayaker, or a photographer, or an artist, you may see one new boulder that's in a new place. Other than that, it'll still look like the natural river it has been for the last 12,000 years," Gillespie said.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

For the love of vintage cars

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

It was around 1979 when Larry Parsons was coming up to a cottage on Brady Lake, bombing along the Queen's Line through Minden that he heard the voice of his future wife.

Cheryl Conboy was in the area vacationing at the property her grandfather and father bought. They didn't have hydro, they didn't have a phone, but they had a CB radio her parents had at the cottage, in case they needed to access quick help. "We used to talk to basically anybody going by," said Cheryl. "If we heard someone on the CB, we'd get talking to them. That's kind of how we got started, you'd just talk to people going by. It's almost like you're meeting somebody, you're just meeting them over the airwaves. And so we got talking, Larry and I got talking on the CB," said Cheryl.

It's been 38 years since they got married in Canarvon, holding their reception at the hall on the Minden fairgrounds with just a few date changes to not coincide with the fair, and only turning away a few uninvited people who tried to get into the party. They went on their honeymoon to Muskoka Sands

in a '47 Ford.

That Ford is another love of the Parsons, a symbol of a passion that keeps them involved with the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers Club, a vintage car and social group they have organized for the past seven years. Larry became president of the Time Travellers when he and Cheryl retired up here at that time, helping to rejuvenate the club that had been going since the '80s. It had 25 members then, and has about 100 members now.

"It's just because people lost interest in it, but we put a lot of energy back in it, it's a really going thing now," said Larry.

Larry had also been vice-president of the Canadian Street Rod Association, which had yearly meets involving about 500 cars but ended about 15 years ago.

"The volunteers got burned out," said Larry. "I was used to all that, so I just decided to take it up, get this one going again."

Larry had been interested in car models as a youngster, but his interest in cars grew as a teenager.

"I went to a car show, a hot rod show, when I was about 16," he said. "I saw the coupes and I said, I've got to get me one of those. And I did, but boy, it was a wreck."



Larry and Cheryl Parsons, married in Carnarvon 38 years ago, share a love of vintage vehicles, becoming involved with the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers Club, which meets weekly during the warm weather. /DARREN LUM Staff

The old beater was a '47 Ford.

"I loved the car, so the first one I found, I grabbed, which was a big mistake but ... I still got it," said Larry. "When [my dad] saw it, he said, you'll never get that on the road, so he bet me five bucks it would never happen. I got my money. I got five bucks richer."

The car itself had cost around \$500.

"There was nothing in it when I got it though," said Larry. "It came in boxes and pieces and stuff. I put it together the first time, it took me three years, of course I broke everything doing it. It was a scary ride because the steering was horrible and everything."

Through trial and error, the car began to take more shape.

"Actually I wasn't allowed to bring it home, I had to build it far away," he said, laughing at the memory. "I wasn't allowed scrap in the driveway."

Over the years, Larry rebuilt the car three times. Now, he said, it's perfect. "I built it up and I still have it to this day," he said.

He's also learned about the history of the car, prior to his own ownership of it.

"I went to one show years ago and this maniac ran behind me for half a mile," Larry said. "I was trying to park the car, so I said, what is wrong with this guy? He saw I had custom taillights on. He runs up and he says, I had a car like this years ago, in the '60s. Same taillights. He looked inside the car and

saw my custom dash which is a Studebaker and went, holy crap, that's my car. I got all the history on it, from different people."

Larry got an answer as to why, as he was building it, "there was a nasty split in the back fender," and also has a picture of the car from 1969 when somebody else owned it. "Same thing, he chased me down one show, figured it was his car. It's incredible."

Besides the '47 Ford Coupe, Larry has a '41 Willys Sedan – an art deco-inspired car prior to Willys making Jeeps. He said he also has a '64 checker wagon.

"Excuse me, you do not, your wife does," pipes up Cheryl from the background. Later she says: "Larry always wanted a checker, so he built me one." Right now, he's trying to restore a 1947 Ford convertible.

How's that going? "Slow," Cheryl calls out. "Five years, so far," said Larry. "But when I got it you could walk from the back bumper to the dash and not touch anything."

The Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers meet weekly during clear weather days, taking turns between parking together at spots their vintage beauties can't be missed like Kawartha Dairy or Carquest in Minden and at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Sometimes they venture out together on mini-cruises to the Eagle Lake Country Market, or park at West Guilford to bring some attention

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Due to the limitations on public gatherings mandated by the government of Ontario as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the 24th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the ZOOM application.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Club formed around sharing passion for cars

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to those spots. They line Water Street as a much-loved attraction during Minden's Canada Day celebrations, gather at Heritage Day in Stanhope – last year a white dump truck from 1912 was driven in for the celebration – and take part in fall Colourfest. This season has looked a bit different with COVID-19 precautions in place, but included a sort-of parade of vintage vehicles through hospital parking lots and alongside long-term care facilities, with horns honking and members waving to staff and residents.

Cheryl responds quickly in the background when Larry is asked what is involved in making the club work.

“Having a good secretary?” she calls out, and acknowledges the work of the executive.

“Well, first of all, the whole thing is you want to be friendly with everybody,” said Larry. “If anybody comes from out of town you welcome them, you say thank you for coming, and when they leave, you say, thank you again for coming and be safe going home.”

Some clubs he's belonged to, he said, have been “real stiff.” They haven't been welcoming to non-members or based on the car you have.

“Whatever you've got is fine with us,” said Larry.

And the inclusive approach is working – members pay \$25 a year to be part of the club, receive regular newsletters and join

weekly meet-ups during the car showing season and monthly dinner meetings all winter long, either at local restaurants to help support businesses through the season, or in warm garages of members. Some drive from Bancroft, Kinmount, Kirkfield, or are cottagers only in the area for a few weeks.

“The whole thing is, there's no cliqueness,” said Larry. “It's all just, if you have a vehicle or love for vehicles you don't even have to have a car to join. As long as you love cars – I'm not talking a 2020 'Vette or something – if you like older cars, no problem.”

Some members have had cars that are long gone, some have more than one. Everyone has an interesting story behind their car. “Everybody does,” said Larry. “One guy's into older Corvettes, other guys only like the old Pontiacs and Buicks. I like the hot rods myself. It's very diverse.”

For show, the club does try to keep cars at 20 years old or older. “There's a young fellow with an old Astro van,” said Larry. “It's not quite old, but it's still old, you just want to keep the blood flowing in the club.”

The cars in the club range in age from “the teens, '20s, '30s, all the way up to the '90s, 2000s.”

At the weekly meets, it's social. “We talk,” says Larry. “Say someone's got a problem with one of their cars when they're there, well, you've got a bunch of guys around that know what they're doing and we can pretty well figure out what the problem is

and get them going again.”

Outside of the club, Larry has called on members to help him out when working on a car at home.

“When I was working on my convertible, I needed a bunch of guys to help lift the body of it, what was left of it. I just made a phone call, a bunch of club members came over, we just lifted it off, there it is. It's a club where we help each other. If someone needs help, we're there.”

The club is known for their generosity and support of local businesses and organizations. After last year's Christmas party they donated 154 pounds of food to the food bank, and their 50/50 draws support local hospital auxiliaries. A sign and business listing at the car meets heralds the support of local businesses.

“It's local businesses, you have to help them out, because [they only have] four months of the year to really make a good deal up here,” said Larry.

That generosity of kindness extends to the road, as with a cruise last year to Bobcaygeon.

“You put the slowest guy in front and the fastest guy in the back, and that keeps everybody together,” said Larry. “Somebody breaks down, everyone pulls over to give him a hand.”

It's that fellowship that is a big draw for Larry and Cheryl, and the members who make up the Time Travellers Club.

“Whenever you see two old cars pass each other, they always wave, even if they're not

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One guy's into older Corvettes, other guys only like the old Pontiacs and Buicks. I like the hot rods myself. It's very diverse.

— LARRY PARSONS

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members,” said Larry.

“Quite often motorcyclists will do the same thing if they pass an old car,” said Cheryl. “We do not pass – like if we ever saw an old vehicle on the side of the road, we don't pass them. We stop to make sure they're all right, if they are broken down, see what we can do to help them. It doesn't matter if they're a club member or whatever, it's the fellowship of old car owners. Anybody who's got an old car basically. It's just kind of the code of the road.”

The next cruise night of the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers Club is planned to happen – in clear weather – at Kawartha Dairy at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3. For more information about the club, visit Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers on Facebook.



Little Hawk Lake Road Bridge Replacement

The Little Hawk Lake Road Bridge will be undergoing replacement commencing September 8, 2020. The work will continue for approximately 6 weeks. Little Hawk Lake Road will be closed at the location of the Bridge Repair effective September 14, 2020. Travelers must use the Braeloch Road route to access beyond #1705 Little Hawk Lake Road.

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Masks mandatory for students of all ages going back to school

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

All students physically going back to school in Haliburton County next month will be required to wear masks, regardless of which grade they are in.

At an Aug. 25 board meeting, Trillium Lakelands District School board trustees passed a motion for students in kindergarten through Grade 3 to wear masks in class and on the bus, extending provincial requirements announced earlier in the month by the Ministry of Education that made it mandatory for students in Grade 4 to 12 to wear masks upon returning to schools in Ontario during the coronavirus pandemic. The school board had previously encouraged but not required students in lower grades to wear masks.

Trustee John Byrne noted that in some other school boards, masks were being made mandatory for all students, not just those in Grade 4 and higher, and that some students were not coming to school because masks had not been made mandatory. His question led to a motion that all students would be required to wear a mask with reasonable exemptions, those being outlined in the board's Return to School Plan.

Vice-chair and trustee David Morrison said he had received many comments from people about the issue, and had done much reading on the topic, including the report from SickKids, public health literature, and the request from the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario to the province's chief medical officer of health earlier that morning that every student wear a mask.

He said that currently, health units were mandating that public wear a mask in a grocery store and other indoor public spaces, including small children over the age of two.

"And yet in schools, we're looking at a situation where you may have 30 people in the room, and just because they're young, we're saying, OK, you can get by with a metre, no mask," he said. "It seems like there's two different sets of rules that we're applying to all of this and for me, I think ... you have to extrapolate, you know, it's not just the classroom, it's the community that's attached to the classroom."

Morrison said that in grocery stores, clerks might be in proximity with people but in many cases had a shield, a mask, greater distancing and controlled numbers of adults in the store, compared to teachers in classrooms.

"This person at the front of the room doesn't have the luxury of all of those things. So we need to put as many layers ... the whole thing works on the sum of all of the layers of protection you can put in place ... I think that asking all the students, everybody that's in our building, to wear a mask, is not an unreasonable thing just for the safety of all the people that could possibly be affected, not just in the building," he said. "Does that create challenge, yeah, I suspect it does, but what's not creating challenge right now? This is what we have to deal with. I can tell you there's real concern out there from all the people I've heard from, and I've heard from a lot of people."

Trustee Gary Brohman said it would be a learning experience but didn't know of a downside of further mask use outside of what the province had mandated. "We're recommending it, yet it's not mandatory," he said. "Well if you're recommending safety, then it should be mandatory."

He said that of the people he spoke to, they told him small kids might need numerous masks a day should they lose them, or get them wet or dirty. He wanted to ensure parents of young children could be supported in covering the cost of numerous masks a day, if needed.

Wesley Hahn, TLDSB director of education, said health and safety was the number one priority, but noted that offering PPE would escalate the expenditures considerably and would need to be a budget consideration. He said funding for additional PPE might mean the school board would have to go further into the reserves.

Superintendent Tim Ellis said the school board was ordering masks to support staff, about 2.4 masks a day per staff member, and that they had previously been planning on being prepared with a back-up mask for students in Grades 4 to 12 who did not bring their own. He said he could look into the cost of providing PPE for students in lower grades if trustees required that information to make a decision.

"The number is insignificant," said Byrne, who said he was willing to draw down from reserves if need be. "If I can keep COVID out of the school, I'm saving a lot more money than closing down classrooms, sending kids home, whatever, be-

cause one individual had a positive COVID test."

Questions were raised in the meeting about how to enforce the policy.

"Based on my experiences at elementary school, with children, I would say it becomes a cultural issue in the school," said trustee Stephen Binstock. "Make it mandatory, it may not be 100 per cent the first week, but I think over a relatively short period of time, it will be adopted. And if I've learned anything from working with JK to [Grade] 3 students, don't underestimate what they can do when they know it's right."

Another trustee commented that of the letters she had been receiving from teachers, one of the points they were making was that they wanted mandatory masks, and that she thought they would be ready to help their students wear one.

Face masks were made mandatory in businesses in Haliburton County as of July 13, according to instructions issued by the local medical officer of health through the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Staggered start being planned

According to the Return to School plan, "there will be a staggered start to the school year for the first two weeks for elementary students and the first week for secondary students. This gives schools the opportunity to support students as they are introduced to classroom routines, school schedules, and COVID-19 safety protocols." The majority of parents do not yet know which day their student will start school, information that will be coming from schools when it is available.

Hahn said the board is "going to take a really close look" at plans for a staggered start, in which elementary students might stagger in to school over a two-week period along with the remote setting students, and secondary students would stagger in during the first week, beginning full-time during the second week.

"We want to make sure we're ready," he said. "That staff are ready, that we have the right schedules, the right pieces in place that staff can be successful when we start to do this ... We are trying to make sure we don't have to do things two or three times, we want to make sure we get it right so we don't confuse people."

He noted this is why it is taking time to roll finalized plans out.

"Once we finalize in the next couple of days, we will definitely make sure it's out to the communities," he said.

Trustee Judy Saunders asked if there was a chance the staggered start as it has been sent home might change.

"There is," said Hahn. "We're going to take a really good look at it. We want to be really upfront. If for some reason we need extra time, even on the elementary side, that might look different. We might shift that slightly. We don't like to do that to parents. We know they need to know that information now. But it doesn't help to rush that and then find out we're not ready. We will take a close look at it. If we don't have to change it, we won't. But we're going to look at it to make sure we can be ready."

High school students to focus on one course at a time

While initially, it was planned that secondary school students in the TLDSB region would use a "quadmester" semester in which they studied two credits at a time, with two courses learned from Sept. 8 to Nov. 12 and two courses learned from Nov. 13 to Feb. 1, changes have been made following a suggestion from the Ministry of Education to reduce the number of people students are in contact with, keeping to under 100. Students will now follow a block schedule known as an "octomester," in which they work on one course at a time.

"Courses will be scheduled for 225 minutes of teaching with the Period 1 teacher," reads the updated Return to School plan. "A staggered 40-minute lunch as well as five to 10 minute breaks will be scheduled during this time." The period one course will be scheduled from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, period two will be scheduled from Oct. 15 to Nov. 16, period three will be scheduled from Nov. 17 to Dec. 17 and period four will be scheduled from Dec. 18 to Feb. 1.

While it was suggested by a trustee that many students will be affected adversely by concentrating on one subject for more than 20 days in a row, superintendent Katherine McIver said the TLDSB had already successfully run a block program during summer school and the adult and alternate education schools, and said educators would have to be attuned

to student mental health but that the program could build off the success of what TLDSB had already experienced.

Virtual school being created for remote learning

Hahn said about 15 per cent of students across the TLDSB region have chosen a remote learning option, which equates to about 1,800 elementary students and just over 500 secondary students, and that the school board is essentially building a school online, with principal, vice-principal, secretarial, special education support and guidance roles. The school board is still looking at models to determine operating, whether for example the virtual elementary school might work as one unit of 1,800 or three units of 600 students.

Students were required by the board to be registered for in-person or remote learning by Aug. 13, a deadline later extended by the board to Aug. 17. Families who have chosen the virtual learning option can request paper packages and phone check-ins from a teacher rather than using online technology.

Though Hahn said the school board will be able to offer French classes online, it cannot offer a French immersion setting, which is an option available in person in Haliburton County at Stuart Baker Elementary School.

"We're doing our best and we're going to work with families the best we can in those situations to offer those enhanced opportunities and work with the administrators of the remote program to work with those families," he said.

Hahn said it has been asked if there is a significant difference in demographic of students who have chosen in-person or remote learning, and he said it has been balanced between ages and grades.

Final updates for families in the works

Hahn began his update at the meeting by noting the times are unprecedented.

"Another busy week, another busy couple of weeks ... lots of change, lots of things moving rather quickly and I hate to keep using the same terms over and over but the amount of moving parts that are happening and the amount of things that we're dealing with, with quick timelines, to get things rolling is really ... it's unlike anything I've seen and certainly what the team has seen."

The school board released a Return to School plan on Aug. 21, which was updated after the Aug. 25 meeting, and after the initial launch Hahn said the school board had heard "great feedback" from families about it.

"Obviously there's still a lot of concern out there, still a lot of questions, and we continue to try to answer those questions as we move along."

Hahn said he had met with administrators, for the first time since his role began replacing previous director Larry Hope this summer, and said they showed "energy and commitment to making this work and getting things ready for staff to come into the buildings." He noted that "change is something we've come to expect," but that the school board has student registrations now and can build schedules and the best plan for conventional or remote learning.

Trustee Gary Brohman said he knew the "Ministry throws curves at you guys all the time," and congratulated the team for the family and staff plan which he called an "unbelievable document," but said families needed a firm plan, soon.

"You've talked about the next couple of days, the next couple of days, well, families are going nuts," said Brohman. "So can you give a day of next Monday, or, I know it's always moving, but it has to end some time, for people to make arrangements ... Do you think there is a final time for you?"

Hahn said that with any quick updates, TLDSB would be contacting families regularly, right away, and that without further changes "we're going to be really ready to go in the next few days," noting that they would like to get it settled as well.

Trustees also asked questions of how busing might work if parents are also dropping students off in school parking lots, how possible changes to ventilation and filtration systems are being planned for, and what mornings before school starts might look like at high school if students are to cohort within one class.

The updated Return to School plan with information about a staggered start, mandatory masks, school day scheduling, and COVID-19 outbreak protocol as it becomes available can be accessed on the TLDSB website at www.tldsb.ca/update-to-return-to-school-guide-for-families.

Parents and guardians of children enrolled in TLDSB schools are asked to contact their child's school if they have questions regarding the Return to School plan.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES: MARKING THE END OF WWII

War brides mark 50 years in Canada

New friends, neighbours helped women adjust to life in their new country

by PETER DOWNS
From the archives

To mark the end of the Second World War, we are republishing some of the stories from the archives of the Minden Times and its sister paper, the Haliburton Echo. This story ran in the May 30, 1995 edition of the Echo.

Nearly 50 years later, Chris Dollo can still see her mother coming down the hill at their house on the east coast of Scotland with the letter in her hand.

"I knew what it was the instant I saw it," she says from her Minden home.

It was the letter from the Canadian government telling her that her passage had been booked across the Atlantic so she could be with the young Toronto man she had fallen in love with and married near the end of the war.

It was then that she had second thoughts.

"I wondered if I was doing right," say Dollo. "Not about getting married, but about leaving my home and going to Canada."

Mrs. Dollo is not alone.

Thousands of women from Britain and Europe must've wondered whether they were making the right decision as they said farewell to their families and left for a new life in a distant country with their Canadian husbands.

For a number of these women, Canada's war brides, the Haliburton Highlands became their new home.

Mrs. Dollo, Ann McKay and Mary Packard are among the Haliburton County war brides that will celebrate 50 years of life in Canada at a luncheon being hosted by the Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion on June 23.

The three women, now in their seventies, describe their first few years in Canada as difficult, lean times.

"The first winter was terrible, and I had quite made up my mind that when the snow went away so would I," says Ann McKay, who left her family home in Cheshire, England to join her husband Max in Carnarvon in 1946.

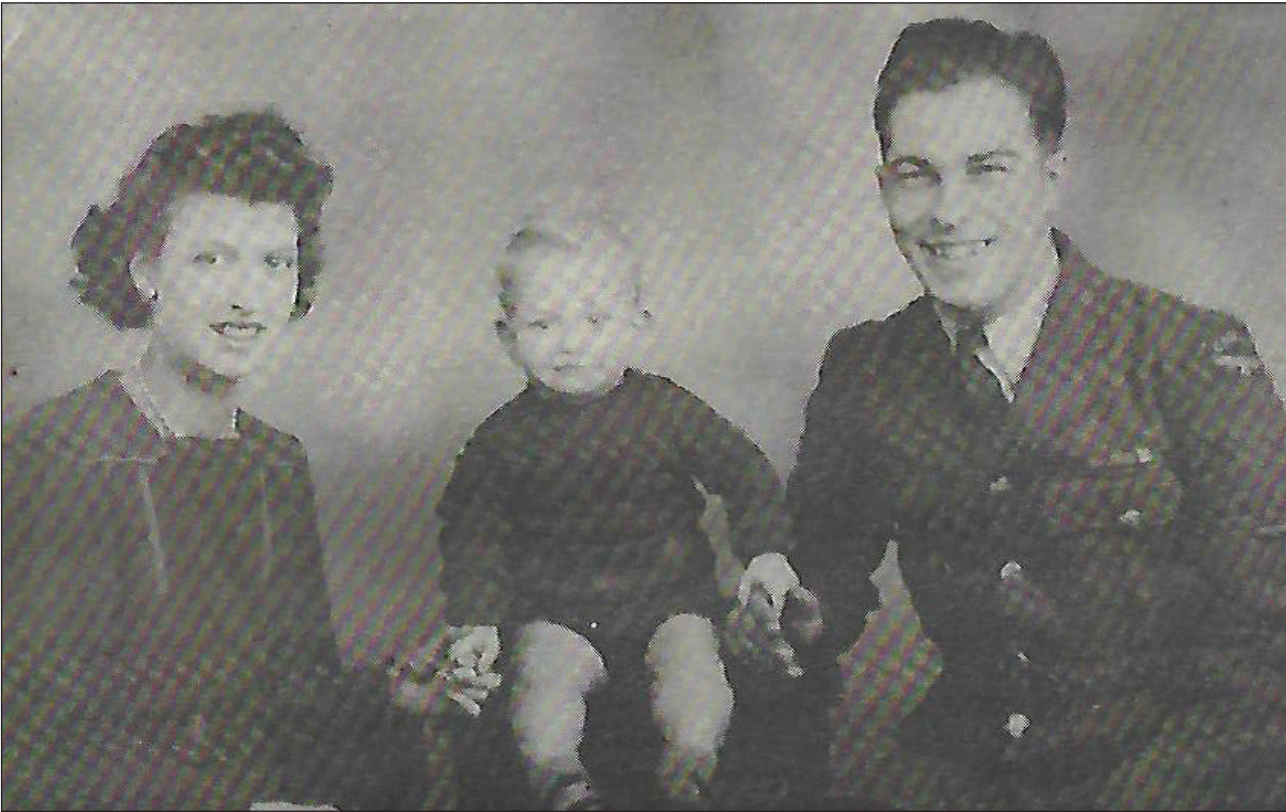
Mrs. McKay, who travelled to Canada with her first of three children, had to spend much of the winter alone while her husband worked in the lumber camps.

The couple met in 1943 when Mr. McKay, a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, was in Warrington, England.

"My girlfriend had met him first and introduced me to him and I promptly took him away from her," recalls Mrs. McKay, who worked in an ammunition factory and for the British Railway through the war.

When the war ended, the young couple moved to Carnarvon, where Mr. McKay's family had long been located. Mr. McKay returned in December 1945 and his war bride joined him several months later, arriving in Halifax aboard the Queen Mary on July 4.

"It was quite a shock for me, coming from a large family, to be here by myself while my husband worked in the bush,"



Ann McKay with her husband Max and son Raymond in London during November 1945 shortly before Mr. McKay returned to his home in Carnarvon. Mrs. McKay and Raymond followed several months later, crossing the Atlantic on the Queen Mary. /First published in the Echo May 30, 1995

Mrs. McKay remembers.

She says she would not have been able to get over the loneliness if she hadn't been welcomed so openly by her neighbours.

Muriel Medley, in particular, who remains a very close friend, helped her through the difficult times.

"I don't think I could have stayed without her," Mrs. McKay says. "She was always there when I needed her."

Mrs. Dollo was a 24-year old in the British Army stationed in Wales and working in a barracks dining room when she met her 26-year-old future husband, Peter, a member of the Canadian Service Corps.

The two were matched upon a blind date and about 18 months later they were married in their uniforms in a small ceremony.

Luckily for the just married couple, who had very little money, they bumped into a sergeant who was in a generous mood.

"Pete said it's a good thing that we met up with the sergeant after (our ceremony) because he took us out for a roast beef dinner and paid for it all," said Mrs. Dollo.

When he returned to Canada after the war, Mr. Dollo began working for his sister who ran a fruit store on main street in Haliburton. He would pick up fruit and produce at St. Lawrence Market in Toronto and deliver it to the fruit store, as well as some of the area lodges and resorts.

Several months later, Mrs. Dollo arrived in Canada by ship and made the long, winding trip to the Highlands in her husband's fruit truck.

Because she grew up in a little village in Scotland, she wasn't alarmed by the smallness of her new home, but she was surprised how far it was from any other towns.

"When I came up here I thought, 'Am I ever going to get to Minden?'" she recalls.

But gradually she settled into her new life. And eventually she and her husband, as well as his brother and his wife, ran a fruit shop from what is now Campbell's Flower Shop in Minden.

Mr. and Mrs. Dollo have already reserved the arena in Minden to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in December.

Mrs. Packard, who comes from a town outside Aberdeen, Scotland, remembers the "lonely looking" Canadian serviceman she went out with in Coventry, England.

“It was quite a shock for me, coming from a large family, to be here by myself while my husband worked in the bush.”
— ANN MCKAY

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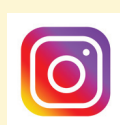
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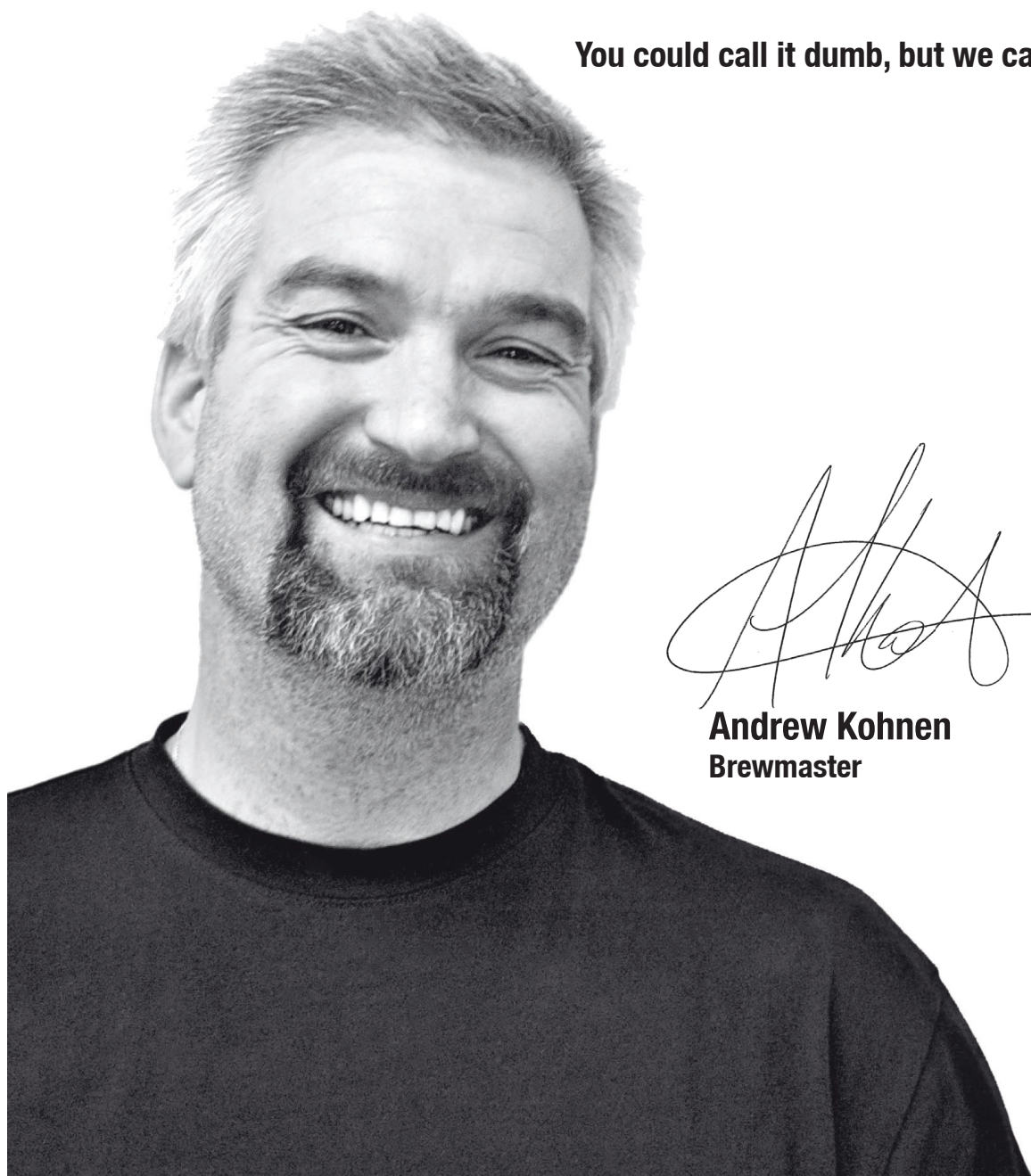


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Monday, September 15, 1997

Sod-turning Oct. 24

The news area residents have been waiting for for years has finally arrived.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board Executive Director Foster Loucks has confirmed that groundbreaking ceremonies for the health services capital projects in Minden and Haliburton will take place on October 24. Minister of Health Jim Wilson will be the guest of honour as the sod is officially turned to launch the building process.

While the shovelful of dirt will be a symbolic act, it will confirm the Ministry of Health's commitment to fund the projects. In Minden, the work calls for the relocation of the Minden Hospital to the Hyland Crest site, with access off Deep Bay Road and the complete renovation of the Hyland Crest 62 bed long-term care facility to bring it up to today's standards. In Haliburton, it means the addition of 30 long-term care beds, three more acute care beds to the hospital and the necessary renovations to the existing building to accommodate the services required to support the facility.

Total cost of the entire project has been set at \$10,600,000 by the Ministry of Health, with the province contributing just over \$6 million and the community expected to provide \$4 million. (See page 4 for a report on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and the fund-raising the organization will be starting soon.)



Running for Terry

135 participants remembered Terry Fox Sunday in Minden raising approximately \$5000 for cancer research. Participants jogged, walked, roller-bladed and cycled, carrying with them pledges gathered from the community. It was a great day for the fund-raising event, with cooler temperatures early in the morning giving way to sunny skies. Run coordinator Jerry Grozelle said he was very pleased with the turn-out and the enthusiastic response of the many volunteers who helped organize the day. The Minden run was one of more than a thousand taking place around the world. Syd Adamson turned in the highest amount in pledges at \$408.

At the left: Nyssa and Gregory Lowry are ready to get rolling as mother Kim and grandmother Val Carr, right, prepare to start the 10 km course. Below: enthusiastic participants break from the start line as the run begins.

Galway voters want amalgamation options on ballot

by Jerry Grozelle

Voters in the Galway-Cavendish-Harvey municipal election may have the opportunity to express their opinions regarding whether or not they would prefer to become a part of Haliburton County or to remain with Peterborough County, during the coming municipal election.

That part of the vote, if it is approved, will be considered an opinion poll, which is not binding.

The motion, proposed by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Chris McTaggart, requests Galway-Cavendish council to have a section on the November 10 municipal election ballot which indicates a choice of Peterborough or Haliburton County, to be recorded by

individual polling stations. It will not be a binding vote, but will serve as information.

The cancellation of the proposed referendum has angered many Galway Township residents. The question of legality with regard to the use of the word "referendum", the distribution of the ballots and other factors, ultimately led to the cancellation. About a quarter of the ballots had been returned when the referendum was cancelled, but none was opened.

The municipality will send out notices to all ratepayers advising of the cancellation. It was proposed in a second motion, by Bruce Fleury and seconded by Mike Grozelle, at the Galway Ratepayers' Association general meeting, that a notice be distributed with

that mailing advising that the opinion poll will be on the municipal election ballot.

At the GRA meeting, Peter Charters explained the process which has taken place, since the winter and spring of this year, to amalgamate Galway and Cavendish with Haliburton County. He noted that since the so-called referendum was intended as an indicator of the ratepayers' wishes only, he saw no reason why it shouldn't have gone ahead as planned.

Charters said the questions that begged to be answered were "why did the process fail so badly; what do we do now; and where do we go from here?"

Charters asked the audience for suggestions.

Don LaCombe, chairperson of the

Galway Ratepayers Association, said the people who worked so hard to organize the referendum proposal "feel cheated" because it was cancelled. He said that about \$4,000 was spent producing and distributing the ballots.

"It was heart-breaking to see them go through the shredder, unopened" he said.

The question on most of the attendees' minds, as evidenced by the reaction of the crowd, was "Are we going to continue with negotiations to amalgamate with Haliburton County?"

The response was a resounding yes. "We have to study all the options," Charters said. "We need your ideas and your input to do something constructive."

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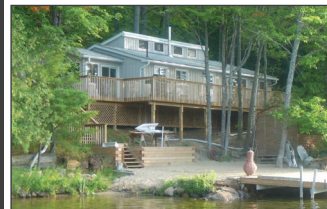
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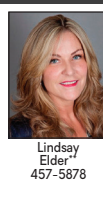
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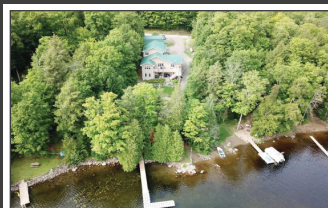
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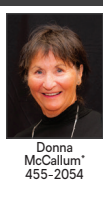
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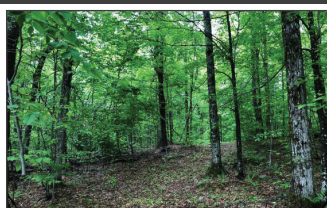
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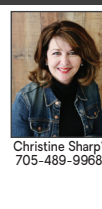
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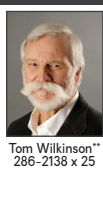
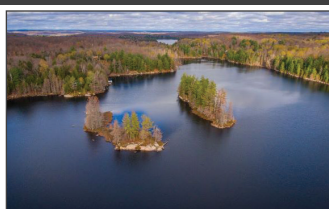
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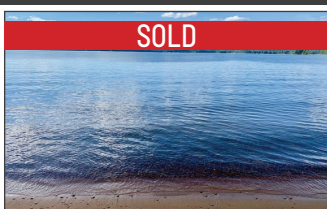
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